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**Animal Ordinance
Adoption of Amendments
April 11, 7:00 p.m.**

The Town Council plans to approve a revised ORD 101 - Animals. It adopts the Prince George's County code as a minimum standard for keeping domestic animals, adds references to the Town's Noise and Clean Lot Ordinances, and incorporates basic animal welfare standards.

Public comments are welcome. The existing Ordinance can be viewed on the Town website at https://berwynheightsmd.gov/charter_and_ordinances

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Introduction of
FY19 Town Budget
April 11, 7:00 pm**

The Town Council will hold a public hearing upon introduction of the FY19 General Fund and Public Safety Taxing District budgets. Public comments are welcome. For reference, please see detailed FY19 budget information on pages 16-20

Contact Town Administrator Cowles with any questions at jcowles@berwynheightsmd.gov



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Please mark

BERWYN HEIGHTS as your municipality on your State income tax return. Berwyn Heights loses income tax revenues when residents specify the wrong municipality or none at all. To ensure your Town gets the revenue it is due, specify the Town of Berwyn Heights as your municipality.



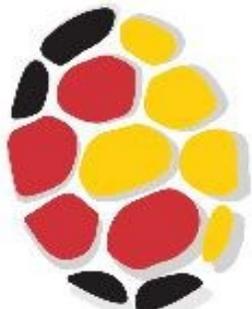
Reporting Tree Damage

If you notice dead trees or other problems with trees that were newly planted last fall, please report them to the Public Works Department. You may also report damage to street trees, or trees in Town parks to Public Works. You can call, or leave a message at 301-474-6897 or send an email to:

publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov

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Saturday, April 7, 2018 | 8:30 am—1:30 pm

College Park Community Ctr. | 5051 Pierce Ave.

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CANDIDATES' NIGHT

Monday, April 23 | 8:00 pm
Town Center



Come out and join us for a Town Hall with the residents running in the May 1 Town Council election.

The meeting will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71 and Fios Channel 12 and streamed on the Town website <https://berwynheightsmd.gov> under Meeting Videos.

The candidates will introduce themselves and their platforms. A moderator will take questions from the floor.

This is a great opportunity for residents to talk directly to the candidates and get their questions answered.

MODERATOR SUGGESTIONS WANTED

If you know somebody who would be a great moderator and is willing to serve, please send your suggestion to Kerstin Harper at kharp@berwynheightsmd.gov by April 9. or call the Town office at 301-474-5000

CANDIDATE PROFILES



Stephen Isler

My name is Stephen Isler and I am running for Town Council. I moved to Berwyn Heights in 2015. Currently, I teach 3rd grade at Robert R. Gray Elementary School in Capitol Heights and serve as the Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA) Aide.

Professionally, I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Jones International University with a Master's Degree in Administration & Supervision in 2006. In 2004, I graduated Summa Cum Laude from University of Phoenix with a Master's Degree in Curriculum & Technology.

I am very passionate about helping others succeed. As a result of this continued passion, I was recently awarded with "Teacher of the Year" for the 2017-2018 school year at Robert Gray Elementary School.

As your Town Councilmember, some of the areas that I will be focusing on are:

**Communication:* The Bulletin is a good form of communication for our town, but is it enough? Are we reaching all of our residents? How else can we communicate with those residents who don't receive the Bulletin?

**Visibility:* I believe that it is important to be visible both at the Town Hall and throughout the community. Ways to be visible include attending organization and committee meetings, attend events, walking around the community and speaking to the residents.

**Residents:* Residents are the lifeline of this community. As such, it is imperative that ongoing and regular feedback continue to help make where we live the best in Prince George's County! Through one-on-one interactions, meetings, forums, and round table discussions, I believe that we can accomplish this goal!

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me at isler2002@gmail.com
Please vote on May 1! Thank you!



Jason Papanikolas

I have been involved in Berwyn Heights for the past 16 years, even though our family only moved to the town in 2014.

Most folks in town know me as Mrs. P's Mr. P, since my wife Tiffany has taught chorus and general music at Berwyn Heights Elementary School since it reopened in 2002. I have been a member of the BHES PTA, serving as Co-President and Treasurer. I am actively involved in the Boys and Girls Club, working as a coach, soccer referee, snack shack cashier, and soccer commissioner. Tiffany and I are the proud parents of two boys, Alex and Caleb.

I have been involved in public service in some fashion for thirty years, starting off with helping my parents run the Sunday School at our church. Not surprisingly, I work for a local workforce development non-profit in Anne Arundel County. I have served on community association boards, church boards, political groups, and in Scouting. I am always looking for places where I feel that my talents can be put to good use, especially when I see a need.

My family is grateful to have found a community like Berwyn Heights. As we have watched our town grow and change over the last decade and a half, we are happy to see that it has retained the character that makes it a welcoming place for visitors and residents alike. I have listened to the youth and parents of Berwyn Heights over the last few years as they have voiced their concerns about education, providing outlets after school and on weekends, and pedestrian safety.

I hope that you will consider me on May 1st.



Dr. Christopher Rasmussen

I am honored to serve the citizens of Berwyn Heights as a Town Council member since 2014, and I ask for your support for another term. I love Berwyn Heights and wish to preserve the high quality of life and "neighborly charm" we enjoy as members of this community.

I moved to this area after spending 10 years working with governors and state legislators to get more of our young people into college and into good paying jobs. I continue to advise leaders of colleges and other non-profit organizations on strengthening their operations and improving their services. In addition to the Town Council, I am president of the congregation at Hope Lutheran Church in College Park, and a life member of the Alumni Association of the University of Maryland.

Three areas of focus I believe are most important for the Town Council are:

Protect and grow property values. A home is one of the largest financial investments most people make. The council must help preserve these investments through making our community a desirable place to live, which includes well-maintained roads, attractive streetscapes, and strong schools.

Advance quality of life. Berwyn Heights is a great place to live. Our quality of life is improved through support of parks, gardens, and opportunities for neighbors to come together through clubs, organizations, and community events.

Safety and security. Recent robberies along Greenbelt Road – including the brazen attempted heist of an armored truck at SECU – have put residents on edge. It is critical to maintain a well-trained and visible police force, improve street lighting, and support community organizations that help keep citizens safe.

Please contact me at crasmussen1966@gmail.com with your thoughts and ideas. I ask for your vote on May 1, and your support in our future work together.



Ethan Sweep

Hello friends and neighbors! My name is Ethan Sweep and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Town Council of Berwyn Heights.

My first goal on the Council would be to create a free dog park so our four-legged friends will be able to enjoy our lovely parks with us. In addition, I will work tirelessly to improve the condition of our other local parks to ensure that they are safe and inviting places to wander around and bring your family. These green spaces should offer everyone a chance to participate in healthy, outdoor recreation and community events. These areas could also be utilized as an educational opportunity to teach the importance of ecology and conservation while showcasing the local flora and fauna native to this area.

Growing up in Minnesota, I learned the importance of green spaces and outdoor recreation from an early age. I went on to study plant sciences at North Dakota State University, where I earned my master's degree, after which, I began my career here in Maryland at the USDA.

Throughout my career I have worked on everything from creating community gardens to large scale agricultural systems where the finished product was both bountiful and beautiful, while being mindful of our responsibilities to care for the environment. As your councilmember I would put my knowledge and skills to work for you to help Berwyn Heights become more ecologically friendly and welcoming.

Most importantly, I will offer my service to you, my friends and neighbors. I promise a listening ear and a helping hand to anyone with ideas on how to improve our community, and make sure that this is a town where everyone can feel safe and included. Berwyn Heights should be a place for everyone to call home.

With this in mind, I politely ask for your vote on May 1, 2018.



Lynn White

It is my great pleasure and honor to be a 2018 candidate for Berwyn Heights Town Council. Since moving here in 2009, I have been an active member of the Berwyn Heights community volunteering with the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club, Community Garden Planning Committee, Education Advisory Committee and serving a partial term on the Town Council from 2015-2016.

I am proud of the work we accomplished while I oversaw the Berwyn Heights Department of Public Works on the Town Council. This includes navigating a change in department leadership and serving as a point of contact for residents during a severe winter storm in 2016. Despite hours of constant snow removal, I was heartened to see Public Works staff working many hours of overtime to clear streets so residents could go to work and return to their daily routines after the storm. While my role in this effort was to primarily field requests from residents and relay them to town staff, I was grateful to be a part of such a monumental effort. If elected, I would like to continue working with the Department of Public Works to maintain our physical environment.

I earned my Bachelors degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a law degree from Howard University School of Law. Throughout my career, I developed an expertise in policy development and writing. I would like to use these skills to benefit our community. In the past, I have drafted proposals for grants to support the Berwyn Heights Community Garden and small business development. I am hopeful that if given the opportunity to serve on the Council, future efforts to secure additional funding for local initiatives will be successful.

Please vote for me, Lynn White, on May 1 to serve you on the Berwyn Heights Town Council.

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APRIL 12, 2018

Contact: Amanda Dewey
amandamdewey@gmail.com

Berwyn Heights Celebrates Arbor Day

**Arbor Day is celebrated on April 27th across the country,
And in Maryland on April 4th!**

- ◆ First observed in Nebraska in 1872, Arbor Day is now a nationwide celebration of the importance of trees and a day to promote tree planting and care.
- ◆ The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-sized air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. – USDA
- ◆ Healthy, mature trees add an average of 10% to a property's value. – USDA
- ◆ The planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams. – USDA

Consider planting trees to celebrate this special holiday. Planting trees plants hope and cares for future generations and our planet! Visit arborday.org to learn more about the holiday and resources for tree planting and care.

Berwyn Heights Day **FUN RUN** May 5th 8:30 am

Bring the whole family for an enjoyable run/walk around Lake Artemesia with post-race refreshments! This race is non-competitive!

Registration and race begins at the Town Center and will proceed to nearby paths

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Cost is \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child 13-17 and \$2.00 12 and under.

***Strollers are free.**

All registrants receive a commemorative T-Shirt (while supplies last)

Please make checks out to the Berwyn Heights Recreation Council



NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SHIRT SIZE (PLEASE CIRCLE)	CHILD:	8-10	14-16			
	ADULT:	S	M	L	XL	XXL

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WAIVER – MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED

I know that running a race is a potentially hazard activity. I should not enter and run or walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability and safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with this event including, but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effect of weather, traffic, and the condition of the track, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself, and anyone entitled on my behalf, waive and release the Town of Berwyn Heights, its agents, servants and employees and event sponsors for all claims and liability of any kind arising out of my participation in this event including any liability which may arise out of the negligence or carelessness on the part of the person named in the waiver.

PRINT NAME _____ DATE _____

Berwyn Heights Recreation Council

Join us at these upcoming events:

Sunday, April 8th—5-7pm

Mariachi de los Compadres Concert

Upstairs Party Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center

Come & enjoy a free concert / fiesta! Snacks will be sold by the Karate Club!



Saturday, May 5th—All Day

Berwyn Heights Day

We'll have something for everybody! Start the day off at the Town Center for our Annual Fun Run, Pancake Breakfast and Senior Bake Sale. Other festivities kick off at noon, starting with our Parade down Pontiac Street to Sports Park where there will be Kids Rides & Games, Craft Vendors, Live Music, DJ, Free Train Rides, Food & MORE! Fun for the WHOLE family!



*** In the event of severe rain, all activities will be at the Community Center & BHES Multipurpose Room.**

Crafters & Vendors are still needed for BH Day!

Vendor spaces are only \$10 for Town residents.

See application, p. 9, in this month's Bulletin or at Town Office.

Volunteers are needed too! Community Service hours available for students.

*** Sign up by contacting violindreams@verizon.net**

The Berwyn Heights Rec Council tries to host a fun event in our community each month. Want to be involved? Have suggestions? We want to hear from you! We meet the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30pm | G. Love Room | Senior Center. New members, or even drop-in members, are always welcome. If you'd like to make a suggestion or ask a question but can't make it to our meetings, your emails can be sent to violindreams@verizon.net.

Next Rec Council Meetings:

Tuesday, April 3rd & Tuesday, May 1st

7:30pm in the G. Love Room

BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY VENDOR / INFORMATION BOOTH APPLICATION

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 2018

Contact Person: _____

Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number and Cell Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Items for Sale/Distribution (Please be specific as no more than 2 craft vendors selling similar items will be approved):

The Recreation Council must approve ALL items for distribution. Please be descriptive of any food items you plan on selling. We are unable to approve any foods that would compete with our on-site food vendors.

Please do not plan on selling or providing:

- Ready to eat food/drinks (canned/jarred items, bread loaves, etc are acceptable. Individual cupcakes, beverages, etc. are not.)
- Silly String
- Colored Hair Spray

All vendors will be located at Sports Park (corner of 57th Ave and Berwyn Road).

SET-UP TIME: 10 am – 11 am.

Please drop off items no later than 10:15 am to begin your set up.

EVENT TIME: 11 am – 4 pm.

Check ONE: _____ \$10 Residents/Non-Profits

_____ \$20 Non-Residents/For-Profits (\$15 if received by 4/1/2018)

Table/Chairs: Will you need a table ___YES ___NO Chairs? (Supply is limited to 1 or 2)

Canopies (\$15 per canopy): Will you need a canopy? ___YES ___NO (Supply is limited)

Mail or drop-off registration form at Town Center with cash/check (made out to Berwyn Heights Recreation Council) by **April 24, 2018**. (Mail to: Recreation Council, 5700 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740). For additional information, contact

Susan Jones at violindreams@verizon.net.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

SELECT ONE: Cash _____ Check _____ (put check # in space)

AMOUNT PAID _____

Worksession February 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Senior's Club President Ray Smith.

1. Animal Ordinance Discussion

Mayor Jewitt announced that the scheduled guest Rodney Taylor, Director of the Prince George's County Animal Management Division, is not yet present and moved the discussion of the Animal Ordinance back on the agenda.

4. Minutes (discussed out of order)

On a motion by CM Dennison and second by MPT Kulpa-Eddy, the January 8, 2018 worksession minutes were approved 4-0-1, with CM Rasmussen abstaining. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Rasmussen, the January 22 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

2. Action Items

Parkdale High School funding request: Mayor Jewitt explained that she received a request from Parkdale High School for the Town be a sponsor of its *Girl Power* Mentoring program. Sponsors are asked to make a donation between \$250 to \$2,000 toward a scholarship fund for members of the program, with scholarships awarded for a most improved student in three categories: 1) Academic studies; 2) School attendance; and 3) Behavior/ attitude. Students must have declared an intent to compete for a *Girl Power* scholarship, and must have received an official acceptance letter from the college or school of continuing education of their choice. The deadline for sponsorship is May 31. The program started with a Latina support group, but was expanded to include girls from all backgrounds at grade levels 9 - 12.

The Council discussed the parameters of the program and sought to clarify the eligibility requirements for the scholarships. CM Rasmussen said he does not think donating to the scholarship program is the best way to make Parkdale a more attractive option for Berwyn Heights students. He would be more inclined to support the mentoring program if the Council had more information about how it is run. Mayor Jewitt said that she can ask for a program coordinator to come to a meeting and answer

questions. CM Shields moved to table the matter until an arrangement is made for someone to come in and explain the program. CM Dennison seconded. The motion passed 5 to 0.

3. Discussion Items

Town Organizations policy: CM Shields said he intends to submit a revised policy for discussion at the next worksession. Meanwhile, he continues to receive input from Town organizations and individuals regarding the policy. One of the main objections he has heard is that the policy would make it more difficult for organizations to operate. His revised policy will therefore remove such requirements as maintaining a checking account and submitting to background investigations. He plans to send the revised policy out for another round of comments, which he will then use to draft the next version.

In discussion, the Council made the following points:

- The policy evolved into something larger than originally intended and might be scaled down to focus on defining requirements for the free use of Town facilities, Bulletin space, use of the Town Seal or eligibility for Town funds;
- The policy should define the legal relationship between the Town government and community organizations as the basis for providing access to Town resources;
- The policy should address risks associated with organization activities;
- The policy should establish criteria for recognizing new community organizations;
- The policy should strive to make it easier for organizations to operate.

CM Shields said he will attempt to craft a revised policy in collaboration with PRECA Aide Isler that is narrower in scope, and focuses on how the Town recognizes community organizations. Mayor Jewitt said a Town organizations spreadsheet might be included as part of the policy. CM Rasmussen requested a copy of the agreement with the Senior's Club for the use of the first floor of the Town Center.

PRECA beautification contests: CM Shields said he is proposing to hold a landscaping contest as a way to engage with the business community of Berwyn Heights, a priority of the Town's strategic plan. The winner would be awarded a Town plaque that can be posted on the business property. Having researched landscaping contests elsewhere, he is

proposing three criteria on which participants would be judged:

- Aesthetics
- Sustainability/ resilience
- Creativeness

CM Shields also proposed a contest to beautify the events room in the Town Center, which currently has plain beige walls. The goal is to have interested artists paint a mural with a Berwyn Heights or Prince George's County theme on one or more of the walls. The reward would be recognition by the Town and free publicity. The Town Council would select the best design based on the following criteria:

- Appropriateness for a government building
- Significance to Berwyn Heights or Prince George's County
- Historical significance
- Ease of maintenance
- Creativeness
- Attractiveness

In discussion, MPT Kulpa-Eddy questioned whether a mural would be conducive to renting the space to more patrons, a goal the Administration Department has been working on. A blank wall may provide more options for renters to decorate the space to their liking. Other public structures might be better candidates for a mural, such as the Sports Park hockey rink or the G. Love Room.

The Council discussed potential themes and places for a mural, as well as other decorative media. It was agreed to inform businesses of the landscaping contest during the annual meeting of the Commercial District Management Authority (CDMA) in April, with a potential contest to be held in fall 2018. CM Shields will revise the criteria for a mural contest and bring it back for discussion at another worksession.

Ethics Ordinance amendments: Clerk Harper said the amended Ordinance 110 - Ethics is up for adoption at the February 14 Town meeting. She asked if the Council has any additional concerns they want to see addressed before going forward with adoption. They had none.

Election judges swearing-in: Clerk Harper provided a list of election judges that would supervise the Town Council elections on May 1st. This Board of Supervisors of Elections is staffed by the same judges as last year, except for the addition of Alice Daly, who replaced the retiring Richard Ahrens. Election judges

are normally sworn-in at the February Town meeting. The Council had no objections.

Animal Ordinance: Mayor Jewitt said that Rodney Taylor with the Animal Management Division is probably not coming tonight. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said she had hoped to receive his input for drafting the enforcement provisions of the Animal Ordinance and introduce it at the February Town meeting so that it can be adopted before this Council finishes out its term. The Council discussed a timeline for adoption of the Ordinance. It was agreed to introduce the Ordinance at the February Town meeting, and try to reschedule Mr. Taylor for another worksession.

TA Cowles said she spoke with other municipalities about their enforcement procedures for animal violations. College Park has a designated animal inspector but still relies on Prince George's County for enforcement, such as impounding or caring for lost or abused animals. She also obtained information about how other municipalities deal with excessive noise related to animals, such as loud and continuous barking. A few cities use an affidavit filed by the complainant, who cannot be a city official. The problem with this approach is that complainants frequently don't show up in court when the violation is adjudicated. For that reason, most cities use a decibel meter.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy thought that an affidavit represents a subjective judgment of what is annoying. In a court setting it may result in a "he said, she said" situation that has no resolution. For that reason, and to maintain good neighborly relations, she would recommend using a decibel meter to determine what constitutes a noise violation. In addition, the Ordinance could clarify what is meant by "frequent and sustained" noise. For example, "frequent" could mean at least 4 times a day and "sustained" 10 minutes or more. However, further input is needed to establish a meaningful measure. Another approach to addressing animal noise complaints would be to dispatch a Code or Police officer to check on the animal's welfare, for which the revised Ordinance will now provide standards.

5. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt reported on the Four Cities Coalition meeting in College Park. University of Maryland President Loh was present and discussed the efforts to attract the Amazon headquarters to College Park, as well as other economic development initiatives. College Park

and Greenbelt, who will be participating in an Urban Land Institute technical assistance panel with Berwyn Heights did not provide an answer as to the amount of their contribution. Mayor Jewitt also reported on the Maryland Mayors' Association conference she attended. The Speakers of the House and Senate were scheduled to speak on Highway User Revenue (HUR), but did not come. Instead mayors were invited to attend upcoming HUR hearings of the legislature. Other topics discussed included the Maglev project, the I-495 and I-270 widening and Marijuana dispensaries. Lastly, Mayor Jewitt thanked Public Works for providing a detailed description of its snow plowing procedures that was published in the February Bulletin.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy reported that College Park's Route 1 revitalization efforts were also discussed at the Four Cities meeting, including the potential impact on neighboring communities. Informational brochures about the Maglev project were handed out by a Maglev spokesperson. As part of the zoning rewrite the M-NCPPC Planning Department has published about a dozen test cases of how existing projects would develop under the new zoning regulations. Beltway Plaza is one of the examples and can be looked up on the zoning rewrite website.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy continued that the Prince George's County Executive and his team are holding listening sessions for the FY 2019 budget in February. She plans to attend, and remind them of the storm water system improvements they have planned for Berwyn Heights. Further, the sprinkler system in the Senior Center was repaired, and the former Sir Walter Raleigh Inn may get a new restaurant, as a liquor license application has been filed for that location.

CM Shields reported that this year's *Banner City* re-certification is making good progress but requires attendance at another PGCMA meeting, and an engagement project with Berwyn Heights Elementary School students. He continues to accept input on the Town organizations policy.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities. Mayor Jewitt and CM Rasmussen will not be present for the February Town meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy will preside.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Town Meeting February 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison and Gerald Shields. Mayor Cheryl Jewitt and CM Chris Rasmussen had an excused absence. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Chief of Police Kenneth Antolik, Clerk Kerstin Harper, PRECA aide Stephen Isler and election judges. Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Code Compliance Supervisor Freddie Glass and Treasurer Michelle Rodriguez had an excused absence.

MPT Kulpa-Eddy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-in of Election Judges

MPT Kulpa-Eddy swore in Sharmila Bhatia as Chief Election Judge and then Alice Daly, Sharon McCraney, Paul McNulty, Debby Steele-Snyder and Robin Walukonis as election judges. They will administer the May 1st Town Council election.

Minutes

Clerk Harper read a summary of the January 10 Town meeting minutes. On a motion by CM Dennison and second by CM Shields, the minutes were approved 3 to 0.

Mayor's Report

MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave a combined Mayor's and Administration report. She, Mayor Jewitt and CM Dennison attended a Four Cities meeting in College Park, at which University of Maryland President Wallace Loh was a guest speaker. He provided updates on development efforts along Route 1, in which the University is collaborating with the City of College Park and other neighboring communities. She also attended a listening session with the County Executive, during which constituents gave input on the proposed FY 2019 County budget. Next, the County Council will review the proposed budget and will hold a public hearing on February 20 at the County Administration Building. The Town of Berwyn Heights has requested an update on storm water system improvements that were recommended as a result of a County 2015 hydrological study.

The Maryland Municipal League is rallying cities and towns to lobby the State legislature to fully restore Highway User Revenues (HUR). Cities and towns are called upon to send representatives to

the public hearings scheduled for February 22 and March 7. HUR restoration as a reliable funding stream for local infrastructure would be helpful in planning needed road repairs. The Town's all-day budget workshop is currently scheduled to be held on March 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend but will be asked to hold their comments until the April 11 Town Meeting budget hearing.

Department Reports

Treasurer's Report: TA Cowles gave the Treasurer's report for January, as Treasurer Rodriguez was absent.

Administration: TA Cowles then reported on last month's activities of the Administration Department. The Department is busy drafting the FY 2019 Town budget, which will be presented to the Council at the March 5 worksession. She has been working with colleagues from College Park and Greenbelt on a scope of work for an Urban Land Institute technical assistance panel. The panel will discuss approaches to making improvements along the Route 193 Corridor between Route 1 and Kenilworth Avenue in a 2-day workshop. The Department is also developing options for financing road repairs based on an assessment of the condition of Town streets completed by the Public Works Department in December.

Berwyn Heights and other Prince George's municipalities have been discussing requests by communication companies to install small cell infrastructure on utility poles and other structures located in the public right of way. These devices are intended to improve wireless coverage in areas with less than optimal coverage, but there currently is no formal legal framework for approving such installations. The Four Cities are planning the purchase of a new street sweeper that is budgeted for FY 2019.

Code Compliance: TA Cowles gave the Code Compliance report, as Code Supervisor Glass was absent. In January, a total of 39 code violations were issued (of which 17 have been closed) as well as 2 building permits, and 3 dumpster permits. In rental homes activity, 1 new license was issued, bringing the total to 216. Eleven rental homes were inspected, 7 re-inspected, and 4 violations were issued. In response to CM Shields, TA Cowles explained that any outstanding code

finances are attached as liens to the property, and will be collected in same manner as unpaid taxes.

Parks and Recreation, Education and Civic Affairs: CM Shields remembered the 17 students killed in a school shooting incident in Florida. He thanked NW/EP volunteers for helping in a search for a missing man last month, and encouraged all residents to volunteer for their favorite club or committee. He continues to work on a revised Town organization policy and requested Town organizations to submit their budget requests to him. He attended a Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting held jointly with the Montgomery County Municipal Association in Takoma Park, where the restoration of HUR was the top discussion item. Lastly, residents are encouraged to check if they are eligible for a homestead or income-dependent tax credit when paying their property taxes.

Stephen Isler, Parks & Recreation aide, reported that he worked with Town organizations to submit their proposed FY 2019 budgets, and has compiled them into a single spreadsheet for CM Shields' review. Mr. Isler invited residents to sign up for a CERT training class held on March 10 and 11.

The Green Team will be opening up the community garden in March, and is accepting plot applications for the upcoming season. The Green Team is also conducting an online survey to help gauge what green activities and events Town residents are interested in. The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ry779XX. Participants have the chance to win 5 Silver Diner meal tickets. The Green Team continues to support the school garden and is busy planning a variety of Arbor Day activities on Berwyn Heights Day. Mr. Isler has met with BHES Principal Alerich and a teacher who is excited to launch an after-school garden club. A garden cleanup is planned for March 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Public Works: TA Cowles gave the Public Works report for January, as

Director Hall was absent. Public Works hired a new part-time employee and installed a new fence and electronic gate at the Public Works yard. Residents should have received an every-door-direct mailer with recycling and refuse disposal instructions. Copies are still available at the Town office. During loose leaf collection season, the Department collected 932 cubic yards of leaves which are recycled at a nearby composting facility. In January, 71% of refuse collected was solid waste, 21% was recyclables, and 8% was yard waste.

TA Cowles said that Public Works is watching a minor storm system that will move through the area for potential snow. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said that the crew prepared well for the last week's winter storm with a prior application of salt to the roads. CM Shields noted that the recycling cost for January amounted to \$726. MPT Kulpa-Eddy said the cost fluctuates with market prices for recyclables. TA Cowles added that the cost of recycling is always less than the cost of sending refuse to the landfill. Thus, a higher recycling rate represents savings to the Town.

Public Health and Safety: Chief Antolik announced that Officer Rufino started working on Monday and that 2 interns will start to work for the Police Department next Monday. He then gave the police activities report for January. There were only 2 Part I offenses, as opposed to the 5-year average of 5.4. The police issued approximately 163 state and municipal citations and 32 speed camera tickets, all on Greenbelt Road. Chief Antolik concluded by showing a video produced by Detective Unger announcing a *Coffee with Cops* on April 7, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The 2-minute video will be repeated on the Town's cable channel at 8 p.m. every day.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy's question about an incident at BHES, Chief Antolik explained the police received a complaint about a man following a student home from school. He was identified as a Town resident and has been warned not to trespass on school property again.

The investigation is ongoing.

Committee Reports

Green Team: Presented by PRECA aide.

Historical Committee: Chair Debby Steele-Snyder reported that the Historical Committee continues to interview many long-time residents for its oral history program while adding prospective interviewees to the lineup. The BHC spring reception is scheduled for March 18, 2:00 pm. The Committee was able to secure Aaron Marcavitch, Executive Director of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA), for a lecture and book signing of his *US Route 1* history.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, Ms. Steele-Snyder explained that more people are signing up for the oral histories project. Seniors appear to be getting used to cameras and recording equipment. This will be a long-term project.

Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Reported under Department reports.

Recreation Council: Recreation Council President Susan Jones announced a March 3 community potluck dinner and a March 31 Easter egg hunt at the Community Center grounds. This year the Recreation Council decided to use the Berwyn Heights Day band funds to hold a concert series instead. The first concert will be given by a mariachi band on April 8 at the Town Center 2nd floor. For Berwyn Heights Day, “Kenny, the Mailman’s” band will return by popular demand and entertain the crowds. More concerts will follow during the summer. Lastly, residents are encouraged to volunteer for Berwyn Heights Day and attend the upcoming Recreation Council meetings held on the first Tuesdays of each month.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 110 - Ethics - 2nd Reading & Adoption of Amendments: Clerk Harper read the adopting language of the Ordinance. CM Dennison moved, and CM Shields seconded to adopt it. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that this Ordinance addresses public ethics in the Town of Berwyn Heights. In 2011, the State mandated the adoption by Maryland’s municipalities of new ethics regulations requiring detailed financial disclosures to prevent conflicts of interest, and to regulate lobbying by public officials. In 2017, the State passed the Public Integrity Act requiring further changes to local ethics laws, which are adopted in this amended Ordinance. CM Shields com-

mented that he is glad the amended Ordinance no longer requires the disclosure of mutual-fund type assets. With no further comments, the amended Ordinance was adopted 3 to 0.

New Business

Ordinance 101 – Animals - 1st Reading & Introduction of Amendments: Clerk Harper explained that she unfortunately does not have adopting language for the 1st Reading of the Ordinance. She suggested that the Council postpone introduction of the Ordinance to the next Town meeting. MPT Kulpa-Eddy gave an overview of the proposed changes. The Animal Ordinance was last amended in 1993 and will be updated to better align it with Prince George’s County code as well as the Town’s Noise and Clean Lot Ordinances. The amended Ordinance will also provide new standards for the humane treatment of animals, a matter about which some residents have voiced concern. Additional changes are anticipated as the result of input from residents and the Prince George’s County Animal Management Division, whose director is expected to attend the next worksession.

CM Dennison moved to table the Ordinance until the March Town meeting. CM Shields seconded. The motion passed in a 3 to 0 vote.

Citizens Discussion

There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Worksession
February 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Mayor Pro-Tem (MPT) Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Councilmembers (CMs) Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields. Also present were Town Administrator (TA) Jessica Cowles, Clerk Kerstin Harper and Chief of the Prince George’s County Animal Services Division Rodney Taylor.

1. Animal Ordinance Discussion

Mayor Jewitt welcomed Animal Services Chief Rodney Taylor. MPT Kulpa-Eddy explained that the Council took up revising the Animal Ordinance in response to residents’ concerns about how some animals were housed. The current Ordinance was last amended in 1993 and has provisions that no longer apply, such as provisions about licensing, im-

poundment and attack dogs. Having no animal officer of its own, the Town relies on the County for these services. The Council hopes to learn tonight how it can best coordinate with the County and align its Ordinance with County Code.

Chief Taylor said the County Council is in the process of revising the current County animal ordinance which was amended in 2001. He gave an overview of some important County regulations pertaining to animals running at large, feral cats and cat colonies, outdoor shelters and tethering of dogs. The County legislation on animals is supplemented by animal welfare standards adopted from the Prince George’s County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). These guidelines are available in a separate reference book.

In response to CM Rasmussen, Mr. Taylor said complaints about nuisance animals can be addressed by the County Commission for Animal Control after the complainant has first spoken with the owner of the offending animal. This Commission is composed of representatives from the County Attorney General’s Office, Police, Animal Management Division, a veterinarian, a kennel manager and 3 citizens. The Commission convenes twice a month to settle alleged violations of the County’s Animal Ordinance, including complaints about barking dogs. Complainants cannot remain anonymous; they must present data about specific times and places of the violation. Defendants found to be in violation of the Ordinance must follow a set of instructions to remediate the violation, or risk having their animal impounded. This avenue for resolving animal disputes about animals is available to municipalities at no charge.

The County is still enforcing the ban on pit bulls in effect since 1997. This provision will not be addressed by the amendments currently under consideration by the County Council. Proposed changes include a microchip mandate for domestic animals, impoundment at owner’s expense if an animal running at large is picked up more than 2 times, a ban on backyard tethering, and some fee increases.

In response to MPT Kulpa-Eddy, Mr. Taylor said if the Town wants to enforce violations and impound animals it will have to have an animal control officer and a vehicle to transport animals to the County shelter. If the County is to be the enforcing agency, its officers will need to investigate any complaint from the beginning. They are required to respond to

most animal complaints within 24-48 hours. Upon receiving a complaint, they would send someone out to check on the animal and interview the person who filed the complaint, though animal welfare complaints may be made anonymously. If nobody is home they will leave a notice that they were there. The Town would have to call Animal Services if they want to find out the status of the investigation.

Mr. Taylor confirmed that code officers in a municipality can check into an animal complaint and try to mediate between neighbors, but call upon the County to investigate if they cannot resolve the issue. The Town of Brentwood has this type of arrangement with the County. However, impoundment of animals would be left to the County to perform, unless a municipality sets up its own animal control office. If a municipality wishes to issue citations it needs to set up some kind of hearing mechanism, or refer adjudication to the Circuit Court. Any fines would be processed through the County Finance Department.

The Council thanked Mr. Taylor for coming out to discuss the County's animal management processes and requested the County's reference book of animal welfare standards. Mr. Taylor said some would be sent.

2. Action Items

There were none.

3. Discussion Items

Road repair budgeting: TA Cowles provided an overview of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) infrastructure financing program for local governments, whereby DHCD issues bonds on behalf of local governments to fund a variety of infrastructure projects, ranging from roads to facility improvements. Some communities prefer to hire additional bond counsel to review the documents.

- The bond application takes about 4 months to complete, and requires the local government adopt authorizing legislation.
- DHCD uses standard templates for the authorizing documents.
- ✓ Bonds are usually issued July - September. The first debt service payment is due in December.
- The bond term cannot exceed the project's useful life, and may be as short as 5 years.
- The bond issuance cost is 2-2.5% of the amount financed, and the

issuance cost can be included in the bond request.

- Interest rates are fixed throughout the term of the bond.
- A jurisdiction can pre-pay the debt service after 9 years.

TA Cowles added that the Town participated in the State's program in 1990 by financing \$212,000 for improvements to the Town Office and Town Center. However, for the last 15 years the Town has followed a policy of avoiding debt. Therefore, the road repair plan has been phased, so that the Town has the option of paying for each phase from savings. Phase I, comprising 17 blocks most in need of repairs, is scheduled for FY 2019. The cost of \$1.1 million could be paid for from dedicated infrastructure reserves and Highway User Revenues. However, phase II is currently programmed for 2021, and it would not be possible to save up enough in the intervening 2 years to finance the next set of street repairs, unless the Council raises the road tax and/ or dips into other reserves.

In response to CM Rasmussen, TA Cowles said there would be some benefits to accelerating Phase II and completing it in same time frame as phase I, but this could only be done via the bond financing option. The first benefit would be that the cost of doing road repairs now will probably be less than later, as the cost of asphalt and other materials is likely to go up over the long term. Second, Public Works Director Hall is an expert in road repairs, but he may not be here to oversee road repair projects in the out years. In all, the renovation of all Town streets is scheduled for completion by 2029, with an average life expectancy of 25 to 30 years, depending on traffic.

TA Cowles continued, if the Council wanted to move up Phase II to FY 2019, preparations for participating in the bond program would have to begin by April. MPT Kulpa-Eddy and CM Rasmussen thought that some citizen input, possibly in the form of a referendum, may be required to take on such a large amount of debt. TA Cowles will check what the Town Charter may prescribe. Further, if the Council were to move forward with renovating or expanding Town offices, the project could be financed with the same bond issue as the road repairs, saving the issuance cost on a separate bond. CM Rasmussen said that raising the Town's road tax may be another option to consider for financing road repairs, especially as real property assess-

ments and HUR are set to go up in the next few years.

Town Organizations policy: CM Shields distributed a revised, scaled-down Town organization policy that incorporates the input he received from the organizations and residents. It sorts Town organizations into 2 major types:

1. Committees established by the Town Council via an ordinance or resolution with a charge of assisting the Town government in carrying out certain tasks; and
2. Groups and clubs established by community members around a particular interest or activity. Some of these have 501 (c) (3) status, formal bylaws and membership lists, and some are more loosely organized but hold regular meetings open to the public.

Currently all active organizations enjoy certain privileges, including limited free use of Town facilities and free advertising in the Berwyn Heights Bulletin and Town website. However, only committees are currently eligible to receive budgeted funds. Use of the Town seal and Town letterhead is one of the privileges contemplated for committees in the current policy, but he would like the Council to discuss this further.

The Council discussed policy. The following points were made:

- Committees should be required to submit meeting minutes to the Town;
- Committees should be required to post notices regarding their upcoming elections;
- Use of the official Town seal and letterhead should be reserved to the Town government;
- Committees meeting at Town facilities are covered under the Town's liability insurance.
- Policy should clarify whether members' appointment by the Town Council applies to all committees;
- Policy need not distinguish between formal and informal community groups;
- Policy should establish a mechanism for recognizing new community groups.

The relationship of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to the Town was discussed in detail. CERT is a 501 (c) (3) organization and can apply for non-Town grants. Although its membership largely overlaps with the Neighborhood Watch/ Emergency Preparedness Committee (NW/EP), CERT is currently

not a Town committee and does not receive Town funds. NW/EP is a Town committee, receives a budget appropriation, and manages the emergency trailer. It was agreed that the relationship between CERT, NW/EP and the Town needs to be clarified.

PRECA beautification contests: CM Shields provided revised guidelines for a contest to beautify the events room in the Town Center, or other appropriate Town facility. The purpose of the contest, apart from beautification, was defined more broadly to encompass the celebration of the home town spirit and civic engagement. The date for awarding and judging photos and/ or mural design entries was set for summer 2018, and installation for winter 2018. The cost of materials, such as paint or photo frames, will be added to the FY 2019 Administration budget.

CM Shields said the parameters for the business landscaping contest remain essentially the same as in the original proposal. Judging and awards were

moved to the fall for any landscaping improvements made during the spring and summer months of the same year. Improvements can include plants as well as other landscaping elements, such as retaining walls, hardscapes and mulches. Judges might include members from Town departments and the Green Team, in addition to the PRECA Councilmember. The contest will be announced to the business community at the annual meeting of the Commercial District Management Authority.

Requests for proposal update: TA Cowles said there are 3 outstanding Requests for Proposal (RFPs) in connection with the Council's strategic plan this fiscal year. Development of an architectural RFP to improve Town Center facilities will begin in late March when she and Public Works Director Hall meet with a Greenbelt architect. Depending on progress made on the RFP, some funding may be carried over to the next fiscal year. An RFP for critical tree maintenance work funded at \$20,000 should be ready in March. Additional tree work may need to be funded in the next fiscal year. Purchase of tree inventory software was budgeted at \$5,000. TA Cowles will explore a purchase from tree consultant Save-A-Tree.

The Council appropriated \$30,000 for an economic development study of the commercial district. Berwyn Heights was able to join with College Park and Greenbelt in commissioning a technical assistance panel through the Urban Land Institute, which required a \$2,500 contribution from Berwyn Heights. This panel is expected to develop a range of actionable recommendations for improvements along the Route 193 corridor that can serve as the basis for further study or project funding. The panel is tentatively scheduled to meet on June 4 and 5.

4. Minutes

On a motion by CM Shields and second by CM Dennison, the February 5, 2018 worksession minutes were approved 5 to 0.

5. Announcements/ Department Reports/ Citizen Comments

Mayor Jewitt announced that she will not run in the upcoming Town Council election, as she and her husband Brad will be moving out of Town in May. She would like to save good-byes and well wishes for a later meeting. Mayor Jewitt thanked MPT Kulpa-Eddy for chairing the last Town meeting at which election judges were sworn in, and a BHPD video ad was shown announcing an April 7

Coffee with Cops. Mayor Jewitt also received comments in favor of undertaking road repairs as soon as possible, and against trash bins with wheels paid for by the Town.

CM Rasmussen reported that he missed the last Town meeting because he took a trip to Pakistan. Although he spent only 3 days there, he found the people kind and hospitable and had a good experience. The renovation of his Ruatan Street rental home is almost complete. Siding has been installed and the exterior of the house is no longer an eyesore. He will meet with TA Cowles and Code Supervisor Glass to discuss how the Code Department is doing. Different approaches to bringing clean lot violators into compliance will be considered. MPT Kulpa-Eddy had no report. However, she noted that a new house is being built near the community garden on what she had believed to be Town right-of-way, but has been determined to be private property. CM Dennison announced that she will seek re-election.

CM Shields said he received a citizen comment alerting him to plans to replace the turn lane along Campus Drive (formerly Paint Branch Parkway) between Cpl. Frank Scott Drive and Kenilworth Avenue with a bike lane. If any residents wish to comment they should contact him at gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov and he will forward the comments to the appropriate County official. Further, CM Shields is working on recertification of Berwyn Heights' banner city status. His attendance at the last PGCMA meeting fulfilled one of two remaining requirements. The other is an activity to engage with Berwyn Heights Elementary School, which he will discuss with Principal Alerich.

5. Town Council Schedule

The Council reviewed the schedule of events and activities. The date for the Council budget worksession was tentatively moved to March 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Signed: Kerstin Harper, Town Clerk



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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meets Again

April 12, 1:00 pm

G. Love Room

All are invited.

If you can't make our meetings but are interested in seeing the meeting notes, please email Katie Curtis at

windowdoll@gmail.com

Town of Berwyn Heights Core Governmental Services

Mayor and Town Council

Provides overall policy direction and strategic guidance to the Town's Senior Staff members.

Provides guidance and support for Parks, Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs (PRECA) by promoting recreational and educational programs through coordinating the activities of Town committees and civic clubs, and advocating for improving Town parks and playgrounds.

Administration

Implements the Town Council's policy decisions and manages the Town's day-to-day operations.

Prepares and implements the operating and capital budgets for the General Fund and the Public Safety Taxing District.

Drafts legislation such as Ordinances and Resolutions, and maintains the Town's archives.

Acts as a liaison to other municipalities, Prince George's County government, as well as agencies within the State of Maryland and the Federal government.

Serves as a staff liaison to the Election Board, Ethics Commission, Historical Committee, and Recreation Council with key responsibilities of providing staff assistance for Town elections and special events such as Berwyn Heights Day.

Responsibility for risk management, legal services, maintaining required insurance policies, billing, revenue collection, business licensing, procurement, employee benefits administration, and operation of the public access cable channels.

Coordinates the annual audit and its filing with the State of Maryland.

Conducts outreach with residents and businesses through the website, monthly bulletin, and social media.

Code Compliance

Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances to enhance property values and preserve the characteristics that make Berwyn Heights a desirable place to live, work, and play:

- 101: Animals (with Police)
- 104: Building and Inspection
- 107: Residential Clean Lot (property maintenance)
- 117: Refuse Ordinance (with Public Works)
- 120: Licensing of Rental Housing
- 122: Urban Forest
- 134: Commercial Clean Lot (property maintenance)
- 153: Noise (with Police)

Ensures fair and equitable administration and enforcement of Ordinances through daily Town patrols to address Code violations at commercial and residential property.

Administers the rental housing licensing and inspection program.

Reviews all permits and applications for residential and commercial construction; issue permits as approved.

Manages the Call-a-Bus program.

Police

Provides law enforcement services in the patrol and investigative divisions to preserve the peace and protect life and property, with jurisdiction covering all residential and commercial property.

Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances:

- 101: Animals (with Code)
- 114: Peace, Order, and Nuisances
- 119: Traffic and Parking
- 149: Speed Cameras
- 153: Noise (with Code)

Conducts house and premises checks to deter crimes from occurring and safeguard the welfare of residents.

Builds trust and understanding through community partnerships with citizens, businesses, local organizations, as well as partner law enforcement agencies at the municipal, State, and Federal levels of government. Specific examples include the D.A.R.E. program at Berwyn Heights Elementary School, "Coffee with Cops" events, and enhanced visibility for crime prevention in the Town's commercial and industrial areas through the Public Safety Taxing District.

Serves as a staff liaison to the Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Public Works

Provides weekly curbside collection of refuse, recycling, yard waste, and bulk items like appliances.

Responds to inclement weather events like snow storms and flooding, and coordinates with utility service providers.

Facilitates compliance with the following Town Ordinances, and abates violators as necessary:

- 117: Refuse Ordinance (with Code)
- 119: Construction in the Town Right-of-Way

Responsibility for maintaining infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, road signs, and vegetation and trees in the Town's right-of-way), and facilities including the Town Office, Town Center, Public Works Yard, and parks and open spaces.

Serves as a staff liaison to the Green Team.

Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget Message: General Fund

Dear Mayor, Town Council, Residents, and Business Owners:

The proposed FY 2019 budget holds both the real property tax rates and personal property tax rates at current levels, which includes \$0.03 of the total \$0.53 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve to fund major infrastructure projects. The priority of Town Administrator's proposed FY 2019 budget is to accomplish the goals of the Strategic Plan as follows:

- **Infrastructure:** Completion of Phase I of the Street Improvement Survey with funds from the Infrastructure Improvement Reserve. Phase I will repair all infrastructure rated in poor condition with the full Street Improvement Survey available at: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>
- **Community Engagement** with a 26% increase in funds for activities such as:
 - A new Recreation Council concert series;
 - \$5,200 for the Green Team for environmental education and awareness initiatives like protection and preservation of the urban tree canopy, and continuing the successful community garden;
 - A 20% increase for Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness to fulfill the goals of the revised Emergency Operations Plan; and
 - Additional funds for National Night Out, and other special events to promote successful community relations, and strengthening outreach efforts with businesses located in Town.
- **Urban Forest:** Implementing the FY 2016 Urban Forest Management Plan for tree pruning and removal, and coordination with the Green Team/Shade Tree Board on replanting efforts. This work was partially funded in FY 2018, with the balance proposed for funding in FY 2019. The Urban Forest Management Plan is available at: <https://www.berwynheightsmd.gov/public-works-department>
- **Economic Development:** The Town has partnered with College Park and Greenbelt for an Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) in June 2018 to develop actionable recommendations to improve Greenbelt Road between Baltimore Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue. The Town's contribution for the TAP is \$1,500, with additional funds programmed in FY 2019 should the Town Council desire further consulting expertise after completion of the TAP.
- **Facility Improvements:** FY 2018 funded an analysis of existing space to determine a long-term location for the Police Department. The effort has been delayed due to the months the Town was without a full-time Public Works Director; however, completion of the analysis is expected near the end of FY 2018 with a Fall 2018 timeframe for presenting options to the Town Council.
- **Employee Retention and Recruitment:** Maintain required certifications and enhance professional development efforts through increased funding for training and conferences across all departments to provide excellent and efficient services. A 1.5% cost of living adjustment, and a merit increase of 0%, 2%, or 4% depending on the annual performance evaluation score is proposed.
- **Capital Projects and Purchases:**
 - \$30,000 for the Town's contribution to the 4 Cities street sweeper replacement purchase;
 - \$25,000 for replacing the failing Public Works service bay doors; and
 - \$18,000 for replacing the dump body and salt spreader on the 2004 F-350 in the Public Works fleet in lieu of incurring the expense of entirely replacing the vehicle at a cost of \$70,000.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process at the public hearings held during the Town Meetings on April 11 and May 9 at 7:00 pm, and watch the video live stream from BerwynHeightsMD.gov.

Respectfully,
Jessica Cowles,
Town Administrator

One-Page Summary - General Fund FY 2019 Town Administrator's Proposed Budget

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed	% Variation
Real Estate Property Tax	\$ 1,277,093	\$ 1,276,732	\$ 1,386,042	\$ 1,529,024	\$ 1,655,424	8%
Penalties on Real Estate Taxes	\$ 3,806	\$ 5,620	\$ 4,587	\$ -	\$ -	
Personal Property Tax	\$ 265,506	\$ 229,808	\$ 239,998	\$ 243,000	\$ 239,000	-2%
Road Fund Tax	\$ 98,753	\$ 96,347	\$ 104,017	\$ 105,241	\$ 112,825	7%
Income Tax	\$ 438,407	\$ 379,538	\$ 374,482	\$ 390,000	\$ 375,000	-4%
Refuse & Recycling Collection Fee	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	\$ 72,170	0%
Highway User Revenue	\$ 86,430	\$ 105,547	\$ 110,875	\$ 105,547	\$ 110,875	5%
Police Aid	\$ 51,430	\$ 44,981	\$ 53,497	\$ 51,430	\$ 53,497	4%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 133,824	\$ 143,823	\$ 141,203	\$ 139,900	\$ 147,400	5%
Service Charges	\$ 2,402	\$ 217	\$ 1,051	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	0%
Intergovernmental/Grants	\$ 25,220	\$ 6,174	\$ 157,675	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	0%
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 100,379	\$ 78,809	\$ 65,189	\$ 95,000	\$ 93,000	-2%
Miscellaneous	\$ 297,665	\$ 302,444	\$ 293,528	\$ 303,350	\$ 298,850	-1%
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 2,853,086	\$ 2,742,210	\$ 3,004,314	\$ 3,045,594	\$ 3,168,973	4%
Transfers from Reserves	\$ 467,561	\$ 198,833	\$ 7,736	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,177,490	1582%
Transfers from Fund Balance						
For Operating Budget	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	
For Capital Projects	\$ 479	\$ 145,876	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 43,000	-14%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,136,919	\$ 3,012,050	\$ 3,165,594	\$ 4,399,463	39%
Mayor and Council	\$ 24,207	\$ 24,430	\$ 25,522	\$ 29,000	\$ 29,000	0%
Town Administration	\$ 361,592	\$ 359,422	\$ 344,026	\$ 370,872	\$ 377,909	2%
Municipal Building	\$ 21,971	\$ 20,757	\$ 12,482	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,100	-6%
Town Center	\$ 45,877	\$ 31,717	\$ 25,008	\$ 25,350	\$ 24,200	-5%
Police Department	\$ 615,056	\$ 611,218	\$ 640,589	\$ 729,076	\$ 741,700	2%
Misc. Public Safety	\$ 14,559	\$ 10,492	\$ 11,463	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,600	5%
Code Compliance & Van	\$ 98,971	\$ 97,626	\$ 109,091	\$ 128,005	\$ 145,770	14%
Public Works	\$ 684,802	\$ 612,753	\$ 652,510	\$ 727,710	\$ 772,600	6%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 16,325	\$ 14,345	\$ 19,337	\$ 30,250	\$ 38,200	26%
Cable	\$ 10,492	\$ 17,563	\$ 10,966	\$ 30,400	\$ 30,400	0%
Insurance	\$ 88,408	\$ 94,281	\$ 97,555	\$ 107,100	\$ 117,600	10%
Employee Benefits	\$ 228,531	\$ 247,029	\$ 262,613	\$ 317,250	\$ 340,050	7%
4-Cities Street Sweeper	\$ 13,798	\$ 19,952	\$ 13,075	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	0%
Consultant Services	\$ -	\$ 60,428	\$ 28,885	\$ -	\$ -	
Capital Operating Expenditures	\$ 39,286	\$ 34,881	\$ 34,669	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers to Reserves	\$ 383,513	\$ 498,607	\$ 522,691	\$ 412,581	\$ 392,969	-5%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 2,647,388	\$ 2,755,501	\$ 2,810,482	\$ 2,955,594	\$ 3,058,098	3%
Capital Projects & Purchases	\$ 673,738	\$ 472,254	\$ 7,736	\$ 210,000	\$ 1,341,365	539%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,321,126	\$ 3,227,755	\$ 2,818,218	\$ 3,165,594	\$ 4,399,463	39%
Net Total	\$ 0	\$ (90,836)	\$ 193,832	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve Balances						
Operating Reserve	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 442,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	
Cable TV Reserve	81,948	95,109	114,553	110,669	114,553	
Infrastructure Improvement Reserve	553,790	752,520	976,702	1,112,980	78,315	
Emergency Trailer Reserve	4,448	6,956	8,493	6,956	8,493	
Recycling/Tipping Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	318,609	159,077	252,477	334,270	384,414	
Greenbelt Station Impact Fee Reserve	108,456	330,900	531,300	691,300	891,300	
Total Dedicated Reserves	\$ 1,519,251	\$ 1,796,562	\$ 2,335,525	\$ 2,816,175	\$ 2,037,075	
Total Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 985,096	\$ 789,220	\$ 789,220	\$ 683,970	\$ 736,220	

Fiscal Year 2019 Proposed Budget Message: Public Safety Taxing District

Dear Mayor, Town Council, Residents, and Business Owners:

A decade ago, the Town of Berwyn Heights exercised the authority from the State of Maryland to create a special taxing district to enhance public safety. The Public Safety Taxing District (PSTD) encompasses the commercial and industrial properties along Greenbelt Road, Branchville Road, Ballew Avenue, Berwyn Road, and 55th Avenue.

The PSTD provides the Berwyn Heights Police Department with additional resources to finance capital and operating costs for a Police Officer to strengthen public safety in the commercial district. This additional officer augments existing policing and community outreach efforts within the PSTD. The State Department of Housing and Community Development recently designated the Town as a “Sustainable Community” and this designation will provide grant opportunities to promote sustainability goals as a partnership among the Town government, residents, and businesses.

The FY 2019 PSTD proposed budget recommends maintaining the current tax rates in the Public Safety Taxing District of \$0.12 per \$100 of assessed value on real property and \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed value on business personal property.

The Town of Berwyn Heights benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in Prince George’s County through enhanced visibility for crime prevention and deterrence. Continued PSTD funding helps to facilitate the safest possible environment for Berwyn Heights’ residents, businesses, and visitors.

Respectfully,
 Jessica Cowles,
 Town Administrator

One-Page Summary - Public Safety Taxing District FY 2019 Town Administrator's Proposed Budget

	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Adopted	FY 2019 Proposed	\$ Variation	% Variation
Revenues							
Real Estate Tax - Current Year	\$ 40,583	\$ 37,953	\$ 24,528	\$ 50,750	\$ 53,000	\$ 2,250	4%
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	\$ 416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Personal Property Tax	\$ 30,339	\$ 25,534	\$ 67,245	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000	7%
Penalty & Interest on Real Estate Tax	\$ 79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Penalty & Interest on Personal Property Tax	\$ 1,551	\$ 243	\$ 41	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
Total Receipts	\$ 72,968	\$ 63,730	\$ 91,814	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
<i>Transfer from PSTD Fund Balance</i>	\$ -	\$ 35,443	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 72,968	\$ 99,173	\$ 91,814	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Expenditures							
Police Services	\$ 60,344	\$ 62,522	\$ 68,900	\$ 75,250	\$ 79,200	\$ 3,950	5%
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,512	\$ 5,225	\$ 5,220	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,800	\$ 300	5%
Total Operating Budget	\$ 63,856	\$ 67,747	\$ 74,120	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Capital Budget - Police Vehicle	\$ -	\$ 34,881	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 63,856	\$ 102,628	\$ 74,120	\$ 80,750	\$ 85,000	\$ 4,250	5%
Net Total (transferred to Fund Balance)	\$ 9,112	\$ (3,455)	\$ 17,694	\$ -	\$ -		
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 45,199	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562		
Fund Balance Accumulated or (Used)	\$ 9,112	\$ (651)	\$ 17,694	\$ -	\$ -		
Capital Budget Purchases	\$ -	\$ (34,792)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 54,311	\$ 18,868	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562	\$ 36,562		

TOWN OF BERWYN HEIGHTS NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Town Council of the Town of Berwyn Heights proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2018, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 10%, from \$254,724,799 to \$280,429,738.
2. If the Town of Berwyn Heights maintains the current tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 10% resulting in \$136,236 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.4814, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town of Berwyn Heights is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.53 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 10% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$136,236 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at Town Hall.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-5000 for further information.

Please see Pages 16—18 for detailed budget information.



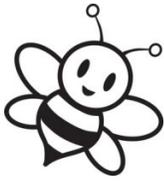
Historical Committee



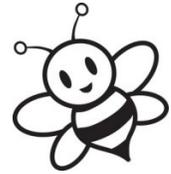
Maryland Milestones' Executive Director, Aaron Marcavitch drew a record crowd during our March 18 spring reception. He did a fantastic job presenting his recently published Images of America book: US Route 1: Baltimore to Washington, DC. (available online, or at nearby Books-a-Million in Beltway Plaza Mall for \$21.99).

Guests took the opportunity to chat with Aaron and get their books signed. Many stayed on after the presentation to reminisce about restaurants, car dealerships and other businesses that lined Route 1 in times gone by.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Visit our booth on Berwyn Heights Day, May 5
NEXT MEETING: April 24 | 7:30 pm | G. Love Room



Berwyn Heights GreenBee



The **GreenBee** is your monthly guide to tips and resources from the Green Team!

Email us your ideas at bgreen.berwynheights@gmail.com.

Website: www.berwynheightsgreenteam.wordpress.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsGreenTeam

Our next meeting will be Thursday April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center, in the G. Love Room.

All residents are welcome to attend!

Recycling Facility Field Trip

Friday, April 27th, 10am

Have you ever wondered what happens to your recycling after you take it to the curb? Learn about the inner workings of the county facility that handles our recycling by joining us for a FREE tour! Afterward we'll have lunch together at Watkins Regional Park, so bring a bagged lunch.

Limited space available! Please register by April 20th

Sign-up online: bit.ly/BHGTRecyclingTrip

There will be a paper sign-up sheet at the Town Office.



Litter Prevention & Reduction

Let's celebrate Earth Day by doing our part to keep Berwyn Heights litter-free! Litter is not only unsightly, it causes harm to people and animals and finds its way into our precious waterways.



- Be sure that your trash can has a tight fitting lid.
- Keep a litter bag in your car and hang on to litter until you find a garbage receptacle.
- The biggest source of litter is cigarette butts. Make sure there's a trash can nearby before you light up.
- Take a bag with you when you're out for a stroll or walking the dog to collect litter along the way.
- Commit to keeping the area in front of your home or a portion of your street litter-free, encourage your neighbors to do the same!
- Attractive, maintained neighborhoods are littered less and research shows that they are usually safer, too.
- Join us for the Town Clean-Up in May!

Seeking Volunteer Recycle Patrollers!



Help to make Berwyn Heights Day a greener event by volunteering as a Recycling Patroller! Recycling Patrollers help their neighbors dispose of their waste properly by letting them know what waste is recyclable and what is not.

Patrollers will monitor the trash and recycling receptacles around the event in 2-3 hours shifts. **Students can earn SSL hours for participating!**

If interested contact Kayla, kayla_agonoy@yahoo.com

Good luck to all the Berwyn Heights
Parkdale students who are participating in
Spring sports!

GO PANTHERS!



Upcoming Events:

Spring Break, April 2 – 6, 2018*

AP Mock Exams, April 19, 2018

Report Cards Released, April 20, 2018

PTSA Meeting, April 24, 2018

At 6:30 p.m.

6001 Good Luck Road, Riverdale, Maryland

*Spring break dates may be modified in light of days
missed due to inclement weather.

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Recent Working Incidents:

Feb 13— Truck 14 operated as the search company in the 1700Blk of East West Hwy in Hyattsville for a working Building Fire.

Feb 18— Squad 14 & Chief 14B extricated two trapped patients from an overturned vehicle on the IL of I-495 at the Balt/Wash Parkway.

Feb 25— Truck 14 and Chief 14B operated in the 8700Blk of Good Luck Road in Lanham for the working House Fire, fire in the kitchen.

March 2— Squad 14 & Tech Support 14 responded to the 8900Blk of 57th Ave in Berwyn Heights for a building collapse. Units arrived to find a large tree on a house causing structural damage after high winds.

March 2— Squad 14 & Tech Rescue 14 responded to the 5600Blk of Regency Park Ct in Morningside to assist Morningside VFD on-scene with multiple apartment buildings collapsing due to high winds. BHVFD operated for several hours with Truck 14 & Ambo 14 covering the Berwyn Heights area.

March 3— Truck 14 operated in the 8500Blk of Oliver Street in Lanham for a working House Fire.

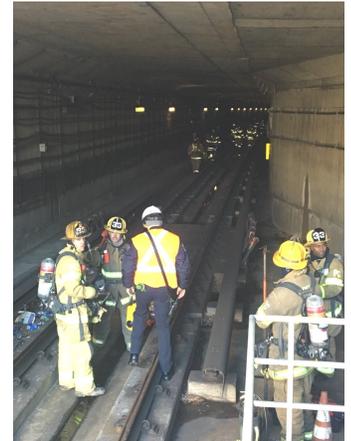
March 3— Truck 14 operated in the 12400Blk of Eastgate Ln in Laurel for the Working House Fire.

BHVFD Call Volume: February 2018	
Rescue Squads:	170
Ladder Truck:	79
Technical Rescue Support Unit:	6
Ambulance:	189
Total Runs Feb2018:	444

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Berwyn Heights
Day 2018!**

Metro emergency drill

On Saturday March 4th Rescue Squad 14 and Tech Rescue 14 participated in a multi-jurisdictional Metro Train Exercise at the Morgan Boulevard Metro Station in Lanham. The exercise simulated a train emergency with evacuations. During the exercise Truck 14 and Ambo 14 remained staffed at BHVFD.



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Don't wait a minute longer. Create a fire escape plan for your family.

Commercial District Management Authority Meeting

Tuesday, April 10 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Town Hall | 5700 Berwyn Road

All businesses located in the Town are encouraged to attend to discuss and approve the FY 2019 Public Safety Taxing District budget.



FEBRUARY Police Beat

Monday 02/05/2018 at 12:46 pm, 'THEFT'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the T-Mobile on 62nd Avenue for a report of theft. The suspect(s) entered the location of incident and stole the listed property off of the display case. The suspect(s) fled after being confronted by the witness and other employees.

Tuesday 02/06/2018 at 12:00 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. J. Ignowski responded to the 6000 block of Quebec Street for a report of theft. An unknown suspect entered the victim's red color Hyundai station wagon and removed the followings; A Maryland driver's license in victim's name, and a Medicaid card in the name of her infant.

Thursday 02/08/2018 at 12:46 pm, 'THEFT'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the Staples on 62nd Avenue for a report of theft of a chair. A male and female suspect entered the store with an infant child. The Male ran out of the door with the office chair in a box and fled into a car and left the scene in an unknown direction. SUSPECT: 28 Y/O, W/F, and a 27 Y/O, B/M both of Greenbelt, MD. Warrants pending.

Friday 02/09/2018 at 10:05 am, 'THEFT'

Cpl. S. Krouse responded to the McDonalds on Greenbelt Road for a report of a theft. Video surveillance shows Victim placed his Ipod on the desk in the office area to charge during his shift. At about 10:08 pm the surveillance video captured the suspect/employee as he walked into the room, picked up victim's Ipod from the desk and placed it in his coat pocket. Suspect walks out of the office and leaves the premises for the end of his shift. The Manager advised that a copy of the video will be made for Detective Sgt. Unger. Investigation continues.

Saturday 02/10/2018 at 10:19 am, 'VANDALISM'

Pfc. T. Hollowell responded to the 5700 block of Nevada Street for a re-

port of a vandalism to a Nissan Maxima. Victim found four tires damaged to his vehicle. The vehicle was parked in the driveway of the listed location. The victim had no idea who would have either slashed or removed the air from all four vehicle tires. There are no leads and further investigation is not contemplated. There was no additional damage to the vehicle.

Saturday 02/10/2018 at 5:56 pm, 'ARMED ROBBERY'

Cpl. P. Roberson responded to the Extra Gas Station located at 5919 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD, for a report of a commercial armed robbery. Victim advised that while working behind the counter an unknown suspect entered the store. The suspect was dressed in all black. The suspect displayed a black and silver semi-automatic handgun and pointed it at the victim. The suspect then stated, "Give me all the money." The victim, fearing for his life, ran to the rear of the store. The suspect then reached over the counter and pulled out the cash drawer. There was approximately \$400 in various U.S. currency on top of the register the victim had planned to drop in the safe. The suspect took those funds and put them in his pocket. While the suspect was again trying to get the cash register over the counter, the victim came from the back of the store and struck the suspect with a folding chair. The suspect then dropped the register and fled out of the store on foot making good his escape. Suspect: B/M, 20's, 5'5", 160 lbs., medium brown skin tone, black ski mask, black gloves, black jacket, black pants with HH in white on right leg, armed silver and black handgun.

Friday 02/16/2018 at 11:40 pm, 'ARMED ROBBERY'

Cpl. P. Roberson along with the PG Co. Police responded to the 7-Eleven located at 5815 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, MD, for a reported armed robbery. Victim advised that as he was standing behind the cashier area, the suspect entered the establishment. The suspect had his hood on and a red scarf covering his face. The victim stated that the suspect produced a black handgun, pointed it at him and said, "open the register!" Being in fear for his life, the victim complied and handed the business funds

to the suspect. The suspect exited the establishment and ran towards 58th Avenue. Patrol units canvassed the area for the suspect with negative results. Suspect: Unknown/m, 20's, 5'8"-5'10", slim build, light complexion, red scarf, light tan full zip jacket, dark tan pants, red shoes, black book bag, armed with a black handgun

Tuesday 02/20/2018 at 2:56 pm, 'CREDIT FRAUD'

Resident from the 5800 block of Pontiac Street came into the BHPD and reported that someone obtained his personal information and opened a credit card in his name. Victim stated that on 02/18/2018 an unknown subject(s) opened a line of credit for \$6,000. in his name. Furthermore, the suspect(s) used \$5,888.81 in the same day at a pet store (Petland) located at 4733 Ashford Dunwoody Road Dunwoody Georgia. Investigation continues.

Friday 02/23/2018 at 9:00 am, 'THEFT'

Cpl. S. Krouse received a station call in regards to a theft from auto that occurred on 02/22/2018 after 2100 hrs. Cpl. Krouse observed that the passenger front window was broken out and the car was ransacked. The victim advised that a "Ryobi" Drill and reciprocating saw and a large box of contractor bags was stolen from the listed van. The victim was unable to advise of any serial numbers. The vehicle was wet from rain which prohibited the scene from being processed for latent prints.

Homicide = 00 Rape = 00 **Robbery = 02** Assault = 00 Burglary = 00
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

April 2	Joyce Bilger
April 5	Mike Attick
April 6	Bertha Davies
April 9	Joe Morris
April 11	Eddie Daffron
April 19	Jodie Kulpa-Eddy
April 25	Martha Baxter

APRIL ACTIVITIES

BINGO — Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm.

WII BOWLING — Every Wednesday at 10:30 am

GAME NIGHT — Every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

SELF DEFENSE COURSE — Every Thursday at 12:00 Noon, upstairs in the Senior Center.

POTLUCK & MOVIE — Second Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

MEETINGS — Second & Fourth Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. The Fourth Tuesday is a Pot Luck!

LIBRARY VISIT — Library staff with make Spring Crafts on Monday, April 9 at 12 Noon.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 9...

Visit by Prince George's County Library staff for Arts and Crafts. Meet at 12 Noon.

APRIL 27...

Trip to visit/tour the PG County Recycling Center (see page 21 for more details).

BREAKFAST AT THE SILVER DINER...

is also on tap. Date to be determined.

Call the Senior Center for times and more information.

MISCELLANEOUS

WEATHER CLOSINGS:

If the PG County Schools are closed, the Seniors Center is also closed.

MEMBERSHIP:

You must be at least 50 years young.

REMEMBER:

We are hosting the Dept. of Public Works for lunch on April 24.

DON'T FORGET:

The upcoming **BAKE SALE** on Berwyn Heights Day on May 5.



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Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club

Bugle—April 2018

Welcome to the 2018 Spring Soccer & Track Season!

Visit us online for at www.berwynheightsbgc.org for schedules or follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/BerwynHeightsBGC

The Berwyn Heights Boys & Girls Club is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization that is made possible through Generous Contributions and Sponsorships alike. If you or your business would like to make a donation or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please reach out to Angie at angela.wolfinger@gmail.com. Opportunities range from single event to full year sponsorships. Interested in donating your time or ideas instead? We would love to have you! Join the BHBGC Family—we are always looking for coaches, “team parents”, volunteers, committee members, and executive board members.

Stop by our Monthly Club meeting, held the first Thursday of each month in the G. Love Room at Berwyn Heights Town Center.

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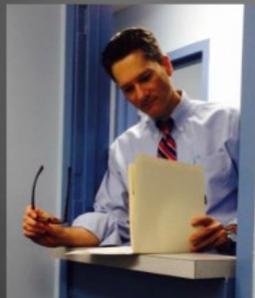
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Berwyn Heights Elementary School PTA



Upcoming Events

April 2-5

No School—Spring break

April 6, Friday

Inclement weather makeup day. Look for further updates.

April 9, Monday

Kindergarten Registration opens for next year

April 10, Tuesday

PTA Meeting and Arts and Crafts Night

May 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 18, Friday

Career Day

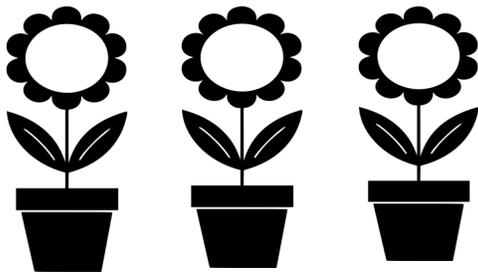


PTA Meeting and Arts and Crafts Night

Tuesday, April 10, 6:45 pm @ BHES Cafeteria

For the kids: Spring themed crafts and an egg hunt.

For the parents: Call a nominating committee for next year's PTA officers and make plans for teacher appreciation week and career day.



Thanks for participating!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the school and PTA events in March. We had good turn out for a budget-focused parent meeting with Ms. Alerich, ice skating party, garden clean up, and pizza fundraiser.

www.BHESPTA.org

Mailing list: www.remind.com/classes/bhespta/

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Important APRIL Dates:

- April 1st Easter Sunday.
- April 2nd- Easter Egg Roll at the White House.
- April 5th- Opening Day Washington Nationals vs Miami Marlins.
- April 6th- Last Day of Passover.
- April 14th Cherry Blossom Parade in DC.
- April 22nd- Paint night at Applebees College Park.
- April 22nd- Earth Day
- April 28th- Maryland Day Festival at UMD.
- April 28th & 29th National Harbor Food and Wine Festival.

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JUST a FEW of MY LISTED/SOLD This Month:
SOLD- 8623 Cunningham Dr 3 BR 1 BA cape \$283,000.
Under Contract-5915 Natasha Dr 3 BR 2.5 BA Rambler.
Under Contract- 5912 Osage St 3 BR 2 BA Rambler.
Available- 6008 Quebec St 4BR 2.5 BA sep inlaw apt \$314,900.
NEW LISTING- 6100 Westchester Park Dr 15th fl 2 BR, 2 BA gorgeous condo \$165,000.



BULLETIN BOARD

House Cleaning: Berwyn Heights resident since 2000 - with 25 years professional house cleaning experience and takes pride in the work done looking for new clients. References in Town and out of town are available. Please give me a call and let me help tackle the house cleaning for you. Free estimates. Please call (301) 474-3024.

Want adventure and achievement? Join Boy Scout Troop 740. We meet at Holy Redeemer's Fealy Hall every Tuesday evening. For details, call scoutmaster Loren Lavoy at 301-651-4928.

Licensed Family Daycare: Opening for infant to 12 years old. Before and after care for BH Elementary School available. Vouchers are accepted. Meals are provided. Openings are Monday-Friday from 6 AM to 6 PM. Please contact Karuna at 301-345-2939.

STRESSED!!! Are you a Senior, a relative or friend of a Senior? Are you, or they, worried about staying home long-term? If you'd like some direction or assistance, without alienating your loved one, I CAN HELP YOU. Sealani Weiner, Geriatric Care Manager. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in MD & DC, Certified Care Manager AND Berwyn Heights resident. 240-965-7274.

Piano Lessons in your home. Former PGCPs music teacher, experienced private instructor. Students with special needs welcome. Ms. Liz 240-601-2825.

Moving? All The Way Moving. LLC licensed and insured company giving FREE wardrobe boxes along with low prices. NStudio or small 1 bedroom \$195-\$260. NLarge 1 bedroom or 2 bedroom \$260-\$375. N3 bedroom or a house \$763-\$1090. Prices shown are general. Please contact us for a free quote today. Call 202-820-0771

House Cleaning: Help with shopping, cooking, etc. 40-year resident of Berwyn Heights. Very reliable and reasonable rates. Please call DJ at 301-345-1746

Lawn Mowing and Trimming, yard raking and cleanup, basement cleanout, painting, plumbing, general handyman. Reasonable rates and flexible schedule. Call Phil at 202-718-8530. Berwyn Heights references available.

Meals-on-Wheels needs your HELP! This 35-year old program needs volunteers to help with their daily operations out of College Park location. Please call 301-474-1002 M-F, 8:30-12:00 if available.

Need Yard Help? Shawn and Jeremy have helped Berwyn Heights residents with mowing, raking, mulching, and more for several years. Call 301-474-2002.

Get Out More! Let me help you free up your time by helping you in different ways. If you have children, I babysit age 3 and up. Do your kids need help in school? I tutor in different subjects. Don't have time to exercise your lovable pet? I enjoy dog walking/sitting. Please call Greta at 301-982-7115. References upon request.

Sale-Pro-Form Air Walker Exercise Machine. Similar to a Nordic-Track. Excellent condition. \$65.00 or best offer. Also Golf Pull Cart, very good condition, \$20.00. Cash and Carry. Live in Berwyn Heights. [240-460-4722](tel:240-460-4722).

Loving, Licensed Child Care: (CDA) credentialed in BH. M-F 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Ura Daley, 301-313-9131.

HELP IS HERE. Do you need help grocery shopping, bill paying, pick up prescriptions, post office run, general household management, shopping and more...look no further...for \$20 per hour have your own personal concierge. Reliable, Dependable, Fast, and more importantly, TRUSTWORTHY. Call Jackie at 202-669-6297. I'll be there tomorrow.

Infant or Senior Care: Nurse/ midwife, recent US refugee, legal with work permit, looking for infant care or senior care. Full or part time. IRC internationally certified. Worked in Burundi and Tanzania. Special gift with babies, children with disabilities, and disabled adults. Intermediate English, fluent French. Does not drive. Contact: joselynekanyudo@gmail.com

Moving Sale in BH: Living room and dining room furniture, TV armoire with matching shelving, clothes steamer, small bookcases, lawnmower, framed art, and more. Text [240-472-6835](tel:240-472-6835) for pictures and prices.

For Sale: Low-loft twin bed, maple, built-in desk w/bookshelf, dresser fits under bed. Excellent condition. \$350 OBO, 301-345-8426, lv msg..

Interested in Knitting, Quilting, Other Needle Arts Projects?



Stop by the College Park Needle Arts Society for camaraderie, conversation and lots of mutual inspiration! There are no group projects and no dues. We meet Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Old Parish House in College Park at 4711 Knox Road .

For information, call Leslie Montroll at 301-277-9630 or Janet Freitag at 301-906-8535 or email CPNeedleArts@earthlink.net



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CODE

FEBRUARY Activities

If you have questions about property maintenance, rental licenses, or want to report a code violation, please call 301-513-9331 or email code@berwynheightsmd.gov

Property Maintenance	Violations
High Grass/ Vegetation	0
Clean Lot	11
Vacant Property Clean Lot	11
Tree Parts, Debris, Litter	3
Vehicles	5
Vehicle Parts	6
Non-Hazardous	1
Premise Identification	1
TOTAL	39
Permits Issued	
Building	3
Dumpster/ PODs	5
TOTAL	8
Rentals	
New Rentals	1
Lost Rentals	2
TOTAL	214
Rental Licenses Issued	10
Rental Inspections	16
Rental Re-inspections	5
Vacant Properties	12

Storm Drain Cleaning

Help prevent flooding during spring rains. Please check on any storm drains that may be on your property. If they are clogged with debris, please remove it and dispose with yard waste or trash.



If you are unable to remove an obstruction yourself, you may contact Prince George's County online through [Click311](#) or by calling (301) 883-4748.



Free Karate Training!!!!

Train with Sensei Leon Swain, 5th degree black belt, five-time inductee into the World Professional Martial Arts Hall of Fame & member of Shihan John Rose-berry's Sho-Rei-Shobu-Kan Budo Organization. Open to all ages/ all levels.

Town Center, 2nd Floor: 5700 Berwyn Road

All ages & levels: Year-Round | MON & FRI | 5-7 pm

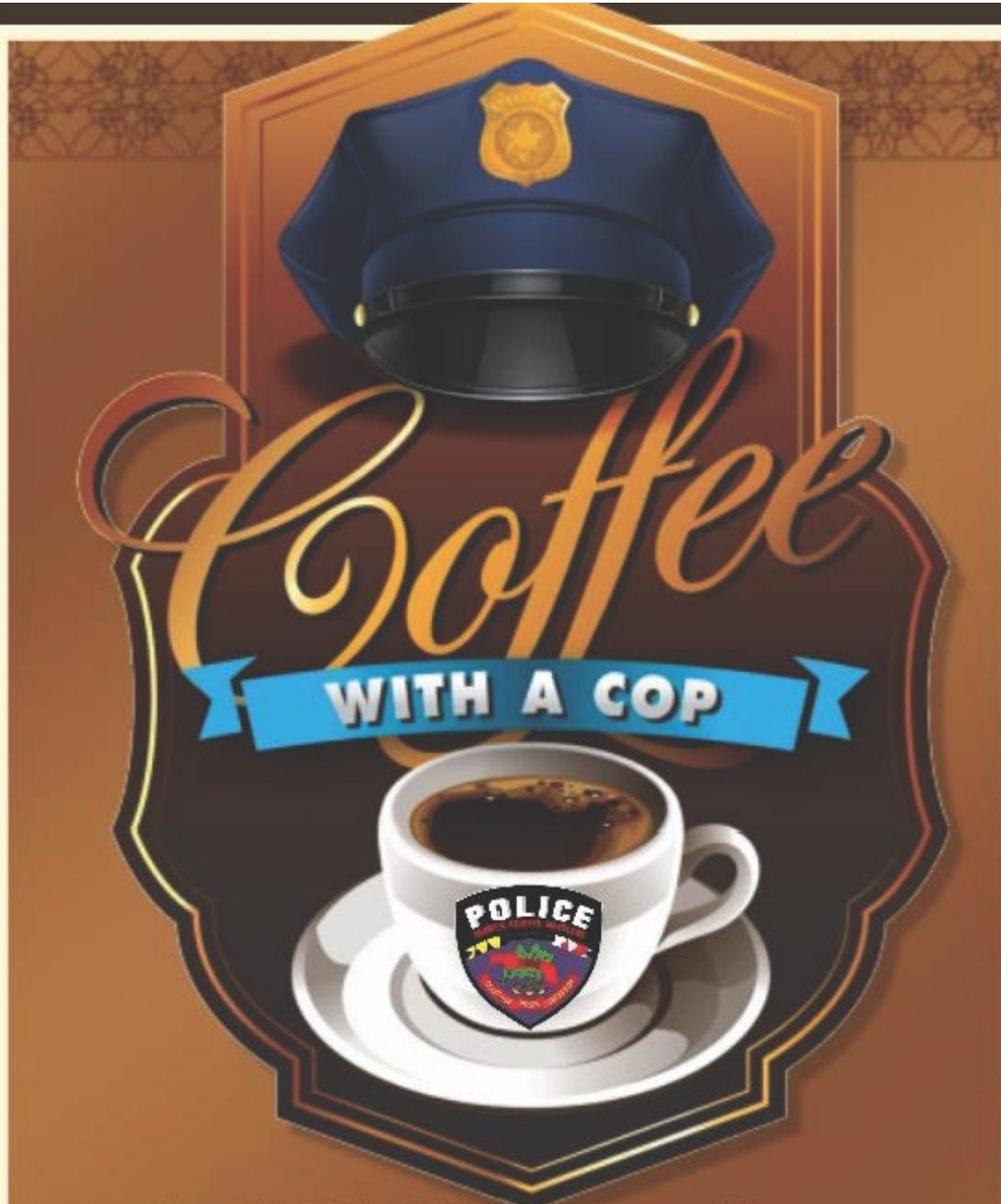
Executive Club (Senior Citizens): THU | 12 – 2 pm

For more information please contact:

Sensei Brett Bentley at 240-678-9103

Brett.t.bentley@gmail.com,

or Sensei Leon Swain at 301-728-2881



April 7th 2018, 9am-Noon

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APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7:30 PM Worksession	3 7:30PM Rec Council Meeting	4 7:00PM NW/EP Meeting	5 8:00 PM BHBGC Meeting	6	7 9:00AM Coffee with Cops (Town Center)
8 5:00PM Mariachi Concert (Town Center)	9	10 6:45PM BHES PTA Meeting (School Cafeteria)	11 7:00PM Town Meeting (FY19 Budget Introduced)	12 1:00PM BHEAC Meeting 7:00PM Green Team Mtg.	13	14
15	16 7:00PM Worksession	17	18	19 7:00PM Education Advisory Ctee Mtg	20	21
22	23 8:00PM Candidates' Night (Town Center)	24 7:30PM BHHC Meeting	25 7:30PM Four Cities Meeting (New Carrollton)	26	27	28
29 Street Sweeper	30	1 Town Council Election	2	3	4	5 BERWYN HEIGHTS DAY



Please do not park on the street when the street sweeper is in Town to ensure the street sweeper can reach everywhere along the curb.

Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste North-side Collection	
Trash, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste South-side Collection	
Recycling Collection	

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Police (Non-Emergency)	(301) 352-1200
Police Administrative Office	(301) 474-6554
Code Compliance Department	(301) 513-9331
Email: code@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Public Works Department	(301) 474-6897
Email: publicworks@berwynheightsmd.gov	
Fire Department	(301) 474-7866
Senior Center	(301) 474-0018
Community Center (Gym)	(301) 345-2808
Town Office	(301) 474-5000
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	
Call-a-Bus Reservations	(301) 513-9331

Mayor and Council

Cheryl Jewitt	(240) 472-6835	cjewitt@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor — Public Safety/Health		
Jodie Kulpa-Eddy	(301) 345-1516	jkulpaeddy@berwynheightsmd.gov
Mayor Pro Tem — Administration		
Patti Dennison	(301) 474-5000	pdennison@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Public Works		
Christopher Rasmussen	(612) 940-8510	crasmussen@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Code Compliance		
Gerald Shields	(504) 250-2040	gshields@berwynheightsmd.gov
Councilmember — Parks & Recreation, Education & Civic Affairs		

Regular Trash Collection Schedule

North of Pontiac..... Mondays & Thursdays
 South of Pontiac..... Tuesdays & Thursdays

Heavy Trash Day:

Monday for North of Pontiac
 Tuesday for South of Pontiac

Recycling Schedule:

Wednesdays for the entire Town.

Town Helpline

Do you have a suggestion or problem or a question on an ordinance, or have a historical question? Want to receive meeting agendas or minutes by email?
 Email Town at
contact@berwynheightsmd.gov
 Be assured that your communication will be answered promptly

Watch Council Meetings



On Comcast channel 71
FIOS channel 12

Most recent meeting: M-S 11:00 A.M.
 2nd most recent mtg: M-S 3:00 P.M.
 3rd most recent mtg:
 Tue, Thu, Fri., Sun.: 8:00 P.M.

Town of Berwyn Heights Website: <http://www.berwynheightsmd.gov>; Follow us on Twitter @BerwynHeightsMD

Questions — call Kerstin Harper, Administration at (301) 474-5000, or email kharper@berwynheightsmd.gov

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Submission Deadline is the 15th of the month

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